IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pag 1, before the "Background of the Invention," insert the following cross-reference:

--This is a continuation of application SN. 09/859,900, filed 17 May 2001, which is now U.S. Patent No. /.--

Page 4, replace the first full paragraph with the following:

--To attain the above object, the present invention ~~provideds~~provides an image forming apparatus for forming images of originals on sheets, comprising a plurality of feeders for feeding sheets, a memory for storing sheet types in association with the plurality of feeders, and a selector for selecting one of the plurality of feeders to be used for a sheet feeding operation in accordance with the sheet types stored in the memory.--

Pages 20-21, replace the paragraph spanning these pages with the following:

--Next, a manner of outputting successively read images onto both sides of an output sheet will be described. An output sheet having an image fixed thereon by the fixing unit 217 is once conveyed to the sheet discharging unit 218, where it is reversed in sheet conveyance direction to be conveyed via the conveyance direction switching member 220 to the refeeding sheet stacking unit 221. When the next original is placed on the glass platen 102, an image on the original is read as in the above described process. Then, the sheet is fed from the refeeding sheet stacking unit 221 so that two original images can be output onto the front surface and back surface~~face~~ of the same output sheet.--

Pages 34-35, replace the paragraph spanning these pages with the following:

--As described above, the image forming apparatus according to the first embodiment of the present invention is comprised of the reader section 1 that scans the original and converts it into image data, the printer section 2 that prints characters on sheets based on the image data, and a plurality of sheet feeding ports 214, 215, 225, and 226 for storing and feeding sheets, the apparatus being characterized by being further comprised of the original size sensor 127 for

detecting the size of the original, the operating section 123 that inputs types of sheets to be fed by the sheet feeding ports, and the CPU 122 that selects a sheet feeding port which can feed desired sheets, from among the plurality of sheet feeding ports, based upobnupon the size of the original detected by the original size sensor 127 and the sheet type input by the operating section 123. With the apparatus thus constructed, by setting the sheet type beforehand, it is possible to achieve a sheet feeding operation in a manner better meeting the user's desire than with the conventional functions, in automatic selection of sheets and automatic cassette change in the event of sheet exhaustion. Further, it is possible to overcome the disadvantage with the prior art that automatic sheet selection had to be set again for each mode depending on the copy mode. Thus, the user can perform a copying operation with the automatic sheet selection function without worrying about the copy mode.--

Page 36, replace the first full paragraph with the following:

--An image forming apparatus according to a second embodiment of the present invention will now be described. Similarly to the the above described first embodiment, as shown in FIG. 2, the image forming apparatus according to the second embodiment is comprised of a reader section 1, a printer section 2, a sorter section 230, and a punching unit 250. The reader section 1 is comprised of an original document feeder 101, an glass platen 102, a scanner unit 104 including a lamp 103 and a mirror 105, a mirror 106, a mirror 107, a lens 108, and a CCD 109. The printer section 2 is comprised of an exposure controller 201, a polygon mirror 207, a photosensitive drum 211, a developing unit 212, a transfer unit 216, a fixing unit 217, a sheet discharging unit 218, a discharging roller 219, a conveyance direction switching member 220, a refeeding sheet stacking unit 221, sheet stacking units 214, 215, 225, and 226. The sorter section 230 includes bins 241, 242 and others (see FIG. 2 above). Details of these components have been described above, and further description thereof is therefore omitted.--

Pages 40-41, replace the paragraph spanning these pages with the following:

--Thus, the sheet feeding ports 3 and 4 are determined to be ports selectable for sheet

feeding. Then, it is determined whether the determination at the step S1014 has been completed

or not as to all the sheet feeding ports (step S1017). If the determination has been completed, it

is determined whether there is any sheet feeding port selectable for sheet feeding (step S1018). If

there is no such sheet feeding port, "No optimum size" is displayed on the operating section 123,

and the present ~~operating~~operation is terminated (step S1026). Next, the order of priority that has

been set for the sheet type of each sheet feeding port determined as a port selectable for sheet

feeding is checked (step S1019). The order of priority is 1 for the ordinary paper in the sheet

feeding port 3, and 1 for the ordinary paper in the sheet feeding port 4. The order of priority is

the highest for the sheet feeding ports 3 and 4. Since the conveyance path for the sheet feeding

port 3 is shorter than that for the sheet feeding port 4, as shown in FIG. 2, the sheet feeding port 3

is selected as the optimum sheet feeding port in terms of productivity (step S1020), and copying

is started (step S1021). At the same time, the CPU circuit 122 stores in the RAM 126

information indicating that the sheet feeding port 3, the sheet size of A4 and the sheet type of

ordinary paper should be used.--

Replace the Abstract with the following:

--An image forming apparatus that forms images of originals on sheets, ~~and~~ includes a

plurality of feeders for feeding sheets, a memory for storing sheet types in association with

~~said~~the plurality of feeders, and storing the ~~order of~~ priority between the sheet types, and a

selector for selecting one of the plurality of feeders to be used for a sheet feeding operation in

accordance with the sheet types and the ~~order of~~ priority stored in the memory.--